

REMARKS

This application was originally filed with seven claims. Claim 1 was independent; claim 2 and 3 were dependent on claim 1; claims 4 and 5 were dependent each on "one of claims 1 to 3"; claim 6 was dependent on "one of claims 1 to 5"; and claim 7 was dependent on "one of claims 1 to 6".

In order to place this application in proper condition for examination and search in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the claims have been amended so that no claim depends on more than one other claim. In fact, all claims 2-7 now depend solely on claim 1.

No new matter has been added.

It is believed that this application is now in better condition for examination and search.

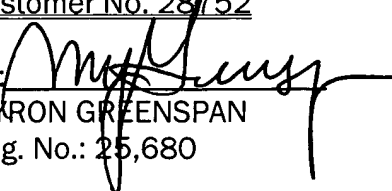
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